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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated June 18, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. Applicants have requested a onemonth extension of time to extend the time to respond until October 18, 2003, which is a Saturday, thus making filing the response on Monday, October 20, 2003, a timely response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: